



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/614,542  
Filing Date: July 7, 2003  
Applicant: Chen et al.  
Group Art Unit: 2144  
Examiner: Chad Zhong  
Title: Traversable Network Address Translation (TNAT) with  
Hierarchical Internet Addressing Architecture  
Attorney Docket: 9432-000238

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Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING A  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 25, 2006, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

Applicant hereby petitions under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and includes a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) with this response for such extension of time.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 15 of this paper.